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**REQUEST FOR
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/838,544

Filing Date: April 20, 2001

First Named Inventor: Paul GILSON et al.

Group Art Unit: 3765

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.

ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed:

i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. Other _____

3. Fees

a. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	11/24/2003 SSANDARA 00000002 09838544
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for extension of time for (Months) \$	01 FC:1801 770.00 QP
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

b. Check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed

c. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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Date: November 19, 2003

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Enclosed please find the following:

1. Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") (1 page)
2. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (2 pages)
3. Form PTO 1449 (10 pages)
4. Copies of 179 references corresponding to those listed on Form PTO 1449
5. Check for \$770.00 to cover the RCE fee

Please grant any extensions of time required and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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